

What Keeps People Poor? Learnings from the Family 100 Project

SACOSS is thrilled to announce Dame Diane Robertson DNZM will be visiting Adelaide in early May to share her extensive knowledge of the eight key drivers that keep people trapped in poverty. This event draws on extensive research from the Auckland City Mission Family 100 Project and is a must for anyone working in service delivery within the health and community sector in South Australia.

The [Family 100 Research Project](#) is a ground-breaking collaborative study undertaken by the Auckland City Mission in conjunction with a group of researchers from Waikato University, Massey University and the University of Auckland. It is born out of the belief that a more constructive dialogue about the plight of people living in poverty is best achieved by hearing directly from the people who live in those circumstances.

Over a twelve-month period the researchers worked with 100 families who were long-term users of the Mission's foodbank in order to gain a deeper understanding of the lived experience of families living in poverty.

The Family 100 Project clearly highlights the plight of those living in poverty in their own words, and defines the eight key drivers that keep people locked into a state of constant financial hardship – debt, justice, housing, employment, health, food insecurity, support services and education.

Dame Diane Robertson will talk about how participants outlined the way a wide range of factors work in concert to keep families trapped in a state of financial hardship.

About Dame Diane Robertson

Dame Diane Robertson is a New Zealand community leader and was the head of the Auckland City Mission from 1998 up until December 2015. She was the first woman and first non-cleric to hold the role, and was appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to the community in the Queen's 2015 Birthday Honours. She was also awarded The New Zealand 1990 Commemoration Medal, in recognition of the contribution made to New Zealand life.

When: Monday 9 May, 9.30am to 12pm

Where: Marjorie Black Community Room, rear of 47 King William Road Unley, enter via Young Street

Cost: \$30+GST SACOSS Members; \$60+GST non-members

RSVP essential to SACOSS@sacoss.org.au by Thursday 5 May. For further information contact Vivian Clark, SACOSS Events Coordinator on 8305 4224

Please include the names of people attending and all invoice details required